DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CURTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, in pursuance of the National Policy on Education—1986 and the Programme of Action, the Commission circulated revised guidelines on the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges to all State Governments/Universities in January, 1987. 102 colleges were functioning as autonomous colleges at the end of the 7th Plan as per the details given below :

State	*Number of Autonomous Colleges*
Andhra Pradesh	16
Gujarat	2
Madhya Pradesh	28
Orissa	5
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	44
Uttar Pradesh	2

On the basis of the recommendations made by an Expert Committee which was constituted by the Commission in August 1990 to review the implementation of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges, the UGC, in its meeting held on 6th June, 1991 decided to continue the Scheme during the Eighth Plan Period as most of the Autonomous Colleges were found to have made significant changes in their management structure as well as in the academic programmes.

The Commission has sponsored a series of seminars in different States to clear misconceptions about the objectives of the Autonomous Colleges' Scheme so as to bring more eligible colleges within the ambit of the Scheme.

Legislation to Prevent Crime against Women

1899. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Women has recommended the enactment of a new comprehensive law covering all aspects of crimes against women and provisions for exemplary punishment for the guilty;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to enact a comprehensive law on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRI (ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Working of School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi

1900. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

what follow-up action has been taken by Government on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General revealing serious irregularities in the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : The General Council of the School of Planning and Architecture which is empowered to considered and pass the Resolutions on the Annual Reports and the Annual Accounts of the School and the Audit Reports on such Accounts, has presently deferred the consideration of the Reports for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 for further detailed examination and for taking necessary remedial measures.

Request from Private Institutions to open Schools and Colleges in Delhi

1901. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received requests from private institutions for permiss on/approval for opening schools and colleges in Delhi and other States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action already taken or being taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has received 78 applications from private institutions for opening schools during the current academic session. However, no request has been received by the UGC from private institutions for opening of colleges in Delhi during 1992.

So far as opening of schools and colleges in States is concerned, it is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments to consider requests, keeping in view the procedure laid down by the respective Board/University to which school/college seeks affiliation.

(c) The usual procedure of examining such proposals under the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973 is being followed by the Delhi Administration.

Conversion of Historical Monuments into Museums of Freedom Movement

1902. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare some historical monuments as museums of freedom movement; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration. The rooms in the Red Fort, Delhi where officers of INA were imprisoned and tried are being preserved as a Memorial of freedom struggle in a befitting manner.

(b) Does not arise.

External Assistance for Education

1903. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any efforts have been made by Government to seek World Bank assistance for its educational projects;

(b) if so, the details of the projects being funded by external sources, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of foreign assistance allocated to the States during each of the last three years, State-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A World Bank assisted project for upgradation of Technician (Polytechnic) Education is currently under implementation. It covers more than 500 Polytechnics approved/recognised by the All India Council for Technical Education in 16 States and Union Territory of Delhi. The project envisages World Bank Credit assistnce of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 373.3 Million over the period 1990-90. The first phase of the project became operational on 5-12-90 and the second on 29-1-1992. In addition, a basic education project in 10 districts of Uttar Pradesh has also been posed to the World Bank for funding.

(c) The amount of assistance allocated/ reimbursed to States depends on the actual expenditure incurred by the States on approved project activities. Details of reimbursement claims made by States, under the Technician Education Projects during 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given in the Statement.